



Infrastructure Services PROGRAMME - Call IV

The main objective of the Programme and Call IV is to use subsidies to improve the quality of auxiliary infrastructure services, which will lead to increased intensity of common research, development and innovation activities among business entities and between the public and business sectors focused mainly on implementation of new technologies and competitive products and services.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of applications for support:

- 07/09/2017 – 22/12/2017

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Activity b) Operation of innovation Infrastructure – in de minimis regime only
- Activity c] Expansion of space for innovation infrastructure, acquisition of new equipment and improvement of capacities for joint use of technologies
- Activity d) Development of new shared innovation infrastructure in the region with demonstrated lack of suitable research or innovation infrastructure for business entities

APPLICANT

- The Applicant/Beneficiary is an entrepreneur - natural person or legal entity - that will act as an owner /operator of the innovation infrastructure (science and technology park, innovation centre or business incubator), under the programme conditions and will keep analytical accounting records with regard to project eligible expenditure, which is required to conduct audits and inspections.
- The Applicant/Beneficiary must be authorised to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project.
- In addition, the Applicant/Beneficiary is, based on its sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states and has been so continuously for at least 2 closed tax periods preceding the date of submitting the application; the applicant acknowledges that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support.
- According to the statutory declaration, the Applicant/Beneficiary has no arrears of payment towards selected institution in the country where it is based and aid providers under the projects co-financed from the EU budget and based on its statutory declaration it has no outstanding wage entitlements of its employees.

SECTORAL DEFINITION

- The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs affecting any of the below stated sectors:
 - production, processing and marketing of products listed in Annex 3 to this Call (Annex I to TEU),
 - agriculture, forestry, fishing, aquaculture (CZ-NACE A 01, A 02, A03)

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL

- The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside the territory of the City of Prague.
- The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land plots, where the project will be implemented.
- The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for submission.
- The project does not expect any aid for activities linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or for other current expenditure linked to the export activity (customs duties, insurance, etc.) or any aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods instead of imported goods.
- The project has not started before the date of filing the application.
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities for men and women, non-discrimination and sustainable development.
- Each Applicant (one ID. No.) shall be entitled to submit max. 2 projects (i.e. 2 active grant applications where the applicant acts as the Beneficiary under this Call. In case of projects that will be submitted by economically or personally affiliated persons, by the controlled or controlling entities within the meaning of Act No. 90/2012 Coll., Act on Business Corporations and Cooperatives, as amended, the limitation of 2 project at maximum will also apply.
- Compliance of the project with the National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Czech Republic will be verified as part of the project appraisal in terms of meeting the evaluation criteria defined in this Call. For verification, the Applicant will use the annex to the Call entitled “Supporting material for the implementation of National RIS3 Strategy”.
- The project duration is max. 36 months from the submission of the grant application, unless the Granting Authority decides otherwise.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Eligible expenditures are specified in Annex No. 2 to this Call,
- The expenditures related to the procurement of tangible fixed assets, such as purchase of land, buildings, machinery and other equipment required to furnish the innovation infrastructure on condition that these assets can be depreciated (except for the land),
- The expenditures for the procurement of intangible fixed assets (such as procurement of patents, licenses and know-how not exceeding the arm’s length price established by an opinion of an expert appointed by the court; the opinion must not be older than 3 months as of the assets acquisition date; software etc.),
- The expenditures for the procurement of intangible fixed assets up to 50% of the total eligible project expenditures,
- The operation costs, particularly for the services of consultants, experts, studies, training, seminars, workshops, promotion, network non-storable supplies etc.,

- The expenditure for mandatory project publicity are only eligible if they have elements of the mandatory publicity given in the rules determined by the Granting Authority.

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The project subsidy is provided in the amount of
 - a) CZK 1 - 30 million in case of projects not-involving construction works
 - a) CZK 5 - 100 million in case of projects involving construction works
- The amount of aid for activities b), c), d):
 - 50% z of demonstrated eligible expenditures
 - b) 75% of demonstrated eligible expenditures under the Framework outside the state aid regime

The Beneficiary meeting the conditions of clauses 19 and 20 of Communication of the Commission - Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (2014/C 198/01).